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Energy conservation programs available for those who qualify

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An energy conservation and weatherization presentation/question-and-answer session will be held Thursday, Dec. 7 at Franklin Elementary School, 850 Colton Ave., in Redlands.

The workshop, which is open to the public, will show tips for conserving electricity, gas or water through changes to your home or appliances, said Rowena Concepcion, assistant to the director of Community Action Partnership, an organization that serves low-income residents.

Families or households that are economically challenged

may qualify for free parts or upgrades on refrigerators, ovens, light bulbs, windows, doors or other energy-related household objects.

"Depending on the needs of the household, if they're qualified, we do an extensive

inspection of the house," Concepcion said. "We identify their need — if they need a new window or to seal the windows ... if they need an energy-efficient refrigerator, water heater or other things."

To qualify for federal or

state energy conservation programs, the income standards for families of three, four and five are \$34,177.92, \$40,688 and \$47,198.08, respectively. For the specific utility program, the standards are \$33,600, \$40,500 and \$47,400,

respectfully, according to Bill Warren, program manager of CAP's energy, education and environmental services.

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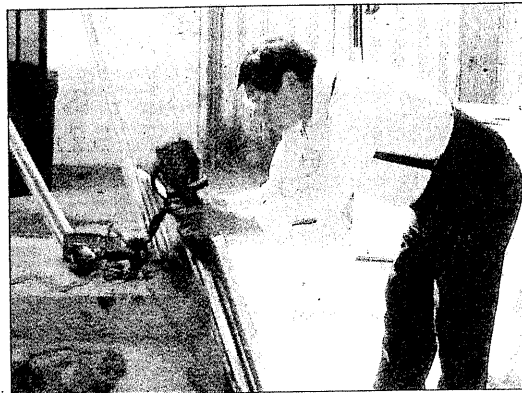


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LEFT: If qualified, the Community Action Partnership helps residents replace old heating and air conditioning units with new energy-saving units.

ABOVE: The organization often identifies old windows and doors that need to be replaced.